HONORABLE RONALD B. LEIGHTON 1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 7 AT TACOMA 8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No. CR05-5238RBL 9 Plaintiff, 10 **ORDER** 11 WILLIAM JOHN DIEHL, 12 Defendant. 13 14 THIS MATTER comes on before the above-entitled Court upon Defendant's Motions for Return of 15 Property [Dkt. #s 79, 81]. Having considered the entirety of the records and file herein, the Court finds and 16 rules as follows: 17 The defendant is currently prosecuting an appeal, and because he is on appeal, the government has no 18 obligation to return the evidence seized from him. See, United States v. Fitzer, 80 F.3d 387, 388 (9th Cir. 19 1996). As for his request that his former and current counsel provide him documents to aid in his appeal, this 20 Court has previously denied this request. [Order, Dkt. #77]. Therefore, defendant's motions [Dkt. #8 79, 81] 21 are **DENIED**. 22 IT IS SO ORDERED. 23 Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008. 24 25 26 RONALD B. LEIGHTON UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 27 28

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